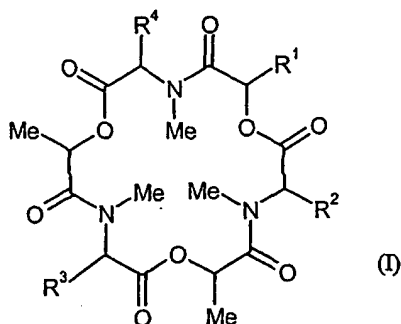


Amended Claims (Attorney Docket No. AH/BHC 031 063)

1. (Currently amended) A cyclic depsipeptide ~~Cyclic depsipeptides of the general formula (I)~~
~~and salts or salt thereof~~



in which

R¹ represents nitrobenzyl or R'R''N-benzyl

where

R' and R'' independently of one another each represent hydrogen, optionally substituted C₁-C₄-alkyl, formyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxy-C₁-C₂-alkylsulphonyl-C₁-C₂-alkyl,

or

R' and R'' together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted mono- or polycyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle which is optionally bridged and/or spirocyclic and which contains 1 to 3 further heteroatoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, or R' and R'' together form C₃-C₅-alkylenemonocarbonyl or an optionally substituted diacyl radical of a C₄-C₆-dicarboxylic acid, and

R², R³ and R⁴ independently of one another represent C₁-C₄-alkyl, and optical isomers and racemates thereof.

2. (Currently amended) The depsipeptide ~~Depsipeptides of the general formula (I) and salts thereof according to Claim 1~~

in which

R¹ represent nitrobenzyl or R'R''N-benzyl

where

R' and R'' independently of one another each represent hydrogen, C₁-C₃-alkyl, in particular methyl, ethyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, in particular methoxyethyl, 2-hydroxyethylsulphonyl-C₁-C₂-alkyl, in particular 2-hydroxyethylsulphonylethyl, or

R' and R'' together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent N-pyrrolidino, N-piperidino, N-piperazino, N-morpholino, N-2,6-dimethylmorpholino, N-thiomorpholino, N-pyrazolo, N-imidazolo, 2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl, 2-oxopiperidin-1-yl, 2-oxoazepan-1-ylmethyl, succinimino, maleinimino or glutarimino,

R², R³ and R⁴ independently of one another represent C₁-C₄-alkyl, and optical isomers and racemates thereof.

3. (Currently amended) The depsipeptide ~~Depsipeptides of the general formula (I) and salts thereof according to Claim 1~~

in which

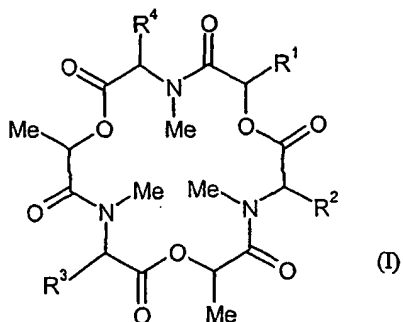
R¹ represents 4-nitrobenzyl, 4-aminobenzyl, 4-morpholinobenzyl, 4-hydroxyethylsulphonylethylaminobenzyl,

R² and R⁴ independently of one another represent C₁-C₄-alkyl, ~~in particular methyl, isopropyl, isobutyl or sec-butyl,~~

R³ represents methyl or ethyl,

and optical isomers and racemates thereof.

4. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ for preparing ~~the a~~ cyclic depsipeptide ~~depsipeptides~~ of ~~the general~~ formula (I) ~~and salts or salt~~ thereof

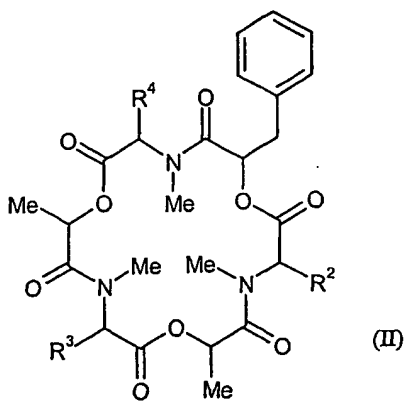


in which

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in Claim 1, under item 1

which comprises

- a) in a first step, nitrating ~~the a~~ cyclic depsipeptide ~~depsipeptides~~ of ~~the general~~ formula (II) ~~and salts or salt~~ thereof

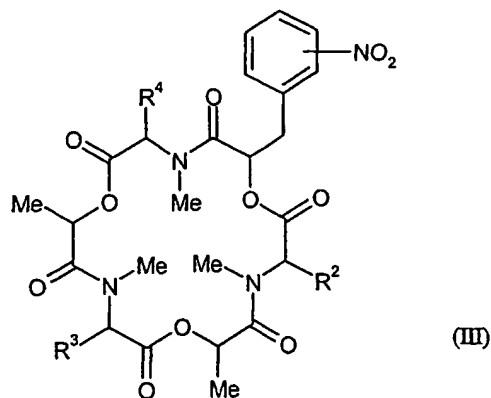


in which

R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in Claim 1, under item 1

in the presence of a nitrating agent and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent, and

- b) if appropriate, in a second step, reducing the nitro group in ~~the a~~ cyclic depsipeptide ~~depsipeptides~~ of ~~the general~~ formula (III) ~~and salts or salt~~ thereof obtained in this manner

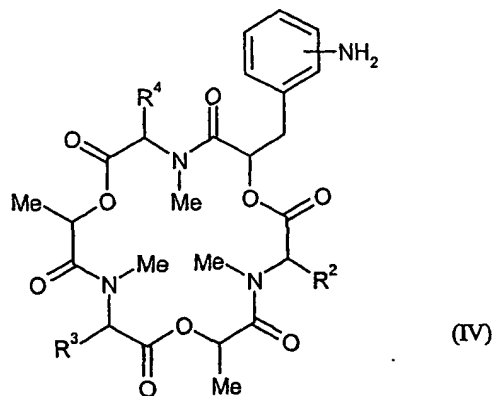


in which

R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in Claim 1, ~~under item 1~~

in the presence of a reducing agent and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent, and

- c) if appropriate, in a third step, aminoalkylating ~~the~~ a cyclic depsipeptide ~~depsipeptides~~ of ~~the general formula (IV) and salts or salt thereof~~



in which

R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in Claim 1, ~~under item 1~~

to introduce the radicals R' and R'' , in the presence of a suitable aldehyde and a reducing agent and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent, or

N-alkylating these depsipeptides in the presence of a suitable alkylating agent and a basic reaction auxiliary and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent, or

N-acylating these depsipeptides in the presence of a suitable acylating agent and a basic reaction auxiliary and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent.

5. (Currently amended) A composition ~~Compositions~~ comprising a cyclic depsipeptide of ~~the~~
~~formula (I) according to~~ Claim 1.
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for controlling endoparasites ~~which comprises~~
~~allowing comprising administering to a human or animal in need thereof an effective amount~~
~~of a cyclic depsipeptide~~ depsipeptides of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 to act on
endoparasites and/or their habitat.

New Claims (Attorney Docket No. AH/BHC 031 063)

9. (New) The depsipeptide of Claim 1, wherein R^2 and R^4 independently of one another are selected from the group consisting of methyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, and sec-butyl.
10. (New) A method for controlling endoparasites comprising applying to a habitat an effective amount of a cyclic depsipeptide of Claim 1.